

we have had enough of the falsehoods and smearing tactics the media use with the help of rich interest groups to sway the judgment of the people of our country. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a slanted anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I agree with many concerned citizens that Sinclair that uses the public airwaves free of charge, has not yet been obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.
Thank you.